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CORKY A H N O

[SBCC Airborne](#)

2014-11-26 10:49 PM

Very clear shots.

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COMMENT 572678P A H N O

[Child Behavioral Specialist](#)

2014-11-26 09:57 PM

I would also suggest CALM. They are a non-profit and focus on children and parents. Their PCIT (parent child interaction therapy) is exactly what you are looking for. Even though your child is acting in a developmentally appropriate manner, it is difficult to live with and he needs to learn the boundaries. That is the goal of this program- teaching parents and children to learn to play together and communicate well and set boundaries. It's fun and important and this is the perfect time.

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COMMENT 572677P A H N O

[Nutmeg Mannikins](#)

2014-11-26 09:42 PM

Re bird food, we buy No Mess Bird Food (I'm sure regular 'messy' bird food would work fine too!) at La Cumbre Feed or Island Feed & Seed.

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COMMENT 572676P A H N O

[Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring](#)

2014-11-26 09:35 PM

A couple of charmers; they shouldn't be hard to recognize.

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COMMENT 572675P A H N O

[Jeffrey Arthur Miller](#)

2014-11-26 09:20 PM

Oh this is so sad; the day we can really help those with mental health problems can't come soon enough.

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COMMENT 572674P A H N O

[UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu...](#)

2014-11-26 09:06 PM

574, I guess UCSB Basketball needs better PR, I didn't know that, from 551P. Thanks

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COMMENT 572673P A H N O

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2014-11-26 09:01 PM

500 - you don't get it. If the crime scene was corrupt, there is nobody on earth who can use that data to come to a valid conclusion. If the data was corrupted in Wilson's favor - then he would not be charged.

Have you heard of people wrongfully convicted? They were wrongfully convicted based on faulty evidence against them.

Wilson was wrongfully acquitted on faulty evidence favoring him.

See.... easy to understand. The jury in each case based their decisions on faulty evidence.

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COMMENT 572671P **A H N O** Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 08:50 PM

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"Another right-wing lie was exposed on Wednesday as the St. Louis Juvenile Court revealed that Michael Brown, the unarmed 18-year-old who was shot to death by Ferguson police officer Darren Wilson on August 9th, was not facing any serious felony charges at the time of his death. He also had not been found delinquent of the juvenile equivalent of Class A, B or C felonies, per Cynthia Harcourt, a lawyer for the court who was arguing that the records should stay sealed.

This information was eventually revealed today, despite the opposition of the Brown family, who felt it was confidential and an attempt by media organizations to try to further assassinate Michael Brown's character, due to two requests. One request was by a local newspaper, the St. Louis Post-Dispatch. The other request came from Charles C. Johnson, a right-wing blogger who had made spurious claims that Brown had a juvenile arrest record that included a second-degree murder. Johnson insists that two contacts of his within the St. Louis Police Department provided him with this information.

After a while, much like with the fake X-ray purported to be of Darren Wilson's non-existent fractured orbital, this story took off in the conservative blogosphere. And, just like with that story, or right-wing claims that the audio recording from Brown's death was a hoax, conservatives who have pushed all-in on defaming a young black man are left floundering."

\*\*\* STOP SPREADING LIES \*\*\*

I am so sick and tired of the lies and the crap from the right.

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What is Pooh Bear having done, Roger?

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What is Pooh Bear having done, Roger?

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2014-11-26 08:10 PM

Michael Brown's ADULT criminal record: Description: Burglary – 1st Degree { Felony B RSMo: 569.160 }

Date: 11/02/2013 Code: 1401000

OCN: AJ006207 Arresting Agency: ST ANN PD

Description: Armed Criminal Action { Felony Unclassified RSMo: 571.015 }

Date: 11/02/2013 Code: 3101000

OCN: AJ006207 Arresting Agency: ST ANN PD

Description: Assault 1st Degree – Serious Physical Injury { Felony A RSMo: 565.050 }

Date: 11/02/2013 Code: 1301100

OCN: AJ006207 Arresting Agency: ST ANN PD

Description: Armed Criminal Action { Felony Unclassified RSMo: 571.015 }

Date: 11/02/2013 Code: 3101000

OCN: AJ006207 Arresting Agency: ST ANN PD

Also a member of the Vice Lords gang, 6'3" and nearly 300 lbs. ? How about this?

Brown has a second degree murder charge on his juvenile arrest record.

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2014-11-26 08:04 PM

643P,

That's right. All available evidence for and against Wilson was presented to the Grand Jury, including the handling of the crime scene, as you point out.

The black and white mixed race jury heard everything and decided no charges were warranted.

Justice has been served.

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2014-11-26 08:04 PM


Here's what I find interesting. Ferguson is 67% black and 29% white, yet in the last election, 57% of the votes cast in Ferguson were by whites.


Only 128 people decided to register to vote after Brown was killed, so not really an avalanche of voting for change.


Maybe this community needs to consider taking the time to vote instead taking the time to protest.


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COMMENT 572665  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 08:00 PM  
 Good stuff!! Went for a soft opening, good food and drinks. Soon to have the NFL & NBA games.  
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COMMENT 572664P  PODS Experience 2014-11-26 07:56 PM  
 OP here again--thanks to all who responded with helpful supportive feedback!  
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COMMENT 572663  Turkey Fryer Safety Tips 2014-11-26 07:53 PM  
 I like to fry on my apartment balcony and then tip the vat over the edge once it's cooled down but before it gels. The bushes get a little funky for awhile, but the downstairs neighbor never uses his balcony so he doesn't notice. ;-)  
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COMMENT 572662  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 07:51 PM  
 I never use Arco because they require a debit card - recipe for a rip-off. They could take credit cards like everyone else but nooooo....  
 I'm a microbiologist repelled by cash, unless I'm wearing latex gloves.  
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COMMENT 572661  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring 2014-11-26 07:35 PM  
 It's very interesting when people leave their Facebook profiles public as these two have, allowing one to see into the lives of a criminal, snuggling up to their kids, taking selfies, announcing their recent engagement.  
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COMMENT 572660  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:33 PM  
 i'm sure glad the police officer will not be charged. justice won. go to the store and get your Kleenex while it is on sale.  
 unless you were on the grand jury, you really do not know the facts.  
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COMMENT 572659  Santa Barbara in 1960 - Part 2 2014-11-26 07:28 PM  
 791, You got it right ! Everyone can say what they want but overpopulation is the cause of most of our problems !  
 Flicka, like you I thought it would never end. Ahhh the innocence and ignorance of youth.  
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COMMENT 572658  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 07:06 PM  
 I think @ 631 may be correct that is was probably just the pre-auth, .....you just made out with \$91 CASH!!!  
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COMMENT 572657  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:03 PM  
 If you weren't there you really ought to cut the know-it-all comments down. What a lot of ignorance and snottiness here on Edhat tonight. I bicycled right into the event unawares, and stuck with it awhile. I was nervous at first--police cars blocking lower State street do that to me. The strength and self-control of the protesters was admirable and unnerving both--for all the "good cause" protests I've joined and watched in this town, this was the ONLY one with enough conviction to really roar. (Notice most Americans think it isn't "nice" to argue, to block the doorways, to interrupt business as usual? Most have thus abdicated their duty to preserve freedom for all.) Another thing occurred to me as I walked my bike with the protesters--they probably upset Santa Barbarans because the clamor ejected us out of our skin-tight, self-engrossed comfort zones. Well, I ended up grateful. I got my citizen's priorities back in shape, thanks to them!  
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COMMENT 572656P  Turkey Coop 2014-11-26 07:01 PM  
 Inquiring minds want to know!  
 prove it, 649.  
 Ralph's used to sell mass-produced turkey parts, but the first time I made stock from turkey drumsticks, I said goodbye to chicken. Harder to find packaged parts these days, except for the holiday season, when people want yucky white meat only and more turkeys in more stores are parted out.  
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COMMENT 572653  Thanksgiving Volunteer Opportunitie... 2014-11-26 06:56 PM

I signed up for the Organic Soup Kitchen over a month ago via email. I never got a confirmation or a phone call. 2 weeks ago, I called the number on their website and it was some man's voicemail (very unprofessional) and asked him to return my call about the time to report to. Never called back. Tonight, I called the number again and a woman answered with a "Ya?" I told her what happened and she said, "I sent out emails a few weeks ago sorry you didn't get what but your outta luck." Outta luck? I asked her again and she said, "I don't know what to tell you lady, we are up to our ears in (expletive) volunteers and we don't need more!" Wow. For as good as they do for the community, they run a pretty half \*ss organization. I refuse to support them and will spread the word that they are disrespectful and ungrateful. Ugh! HORRIBLE EXPERIENCE.


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COMMENT 572652P  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 06:52 PM

That bread is good - quality. Some people spend that on junk food at the movie house or for a drink at a bar.

The ATM - be careful; credit cards have a lot more protection.

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COMMENT 572651P  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 06:50 PM

once when an error was made on my card at an ATM the BofA was pretty good about correcting it promptly.

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COMMENT 572649  Turkey Coop 2014-11-26 06:49 PM


I know of one

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ROGER DODGER  Scanner Reports 11-26-14 2014-11-26 06:49 PM

Pooh Bears surgery was cancelled because of the power outage re sch for next week another sleepless nite..

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COMMENT 572646P  Highway 101 Safety Project 2014-11-26 06:29 PM

I think they planned it wrong. Aren't these things supposed to be scheduled to occur in the rain and when it would cause the greatest amount of inconvenience to the public?

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COMMENT 572645P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 06:28 PM

The Ferguson, Mo. Public Library saw a "staggering" spike in donations Tuesday in the wake of widespread unrest in the St. Louis suburb.

While area schools cancelled classes for the day following a grand jury's decision not to indict white police Officer Darren Wilson in the fatal shooting of unarmed black teen Michael Brown, the library pledged to open its doors and provide lunch for schoolchildren.

We are open 9-4. Wifi, water, rest, knowledge. We are here for you. If neighbors have kids, let them know teachers are here today, too.

— Ferguson Library (@fergusonlibrary) November 25, 2014

And Twitter users rushed to support its efforts at the suggestion of BuzzFeed's Ashley Ford:

ICYMI: @fergusonlibrary is open tomorrow, but school are not. We all know books save lives. Please donate: <http://t.co/OPJTnOD7qg>

— Ashley Ford (@iSmashFizz) November 25, 2014

The library's director, Scott Bonner, told TPM in a phone interview that there was a "staggering" spike in the amount of donations pouring in after the grand jury announcement.

"I am flabbergasted and in disbelief as to whether or not it's real," he said.

Bonner said that the library received donations totaling "five digits" from about 1200 people through PayPal. The library had received a fair number of donations last summer when the first round of protests erupted over the Aug. 9 shooting of Brown, and eventually it added a PayPal donation link to its website, Bonner said.


<http://talkingpointsmemo.com/livewire/ferguson-library-donations>

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COMMENT 572644P  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 06:22 PM

Fire was only around the corner, literally. I have to say that they are the best no matter if they come from near or far. Props given to each and every one of them. Here's to hoping that we don't get to know them by accident.

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COMMENT 572643P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 06:18 PM

And that is where you are wrong. This investigation will go on because there are a great number of problems .... here is just one, below. It is becoming clear that the "evidence" was highly compromised.

Unorthodox police procedures emerge in grand jury documents

When Ferguson, Mo., police officer Darren Wilson left the scene of the shooting of unarmed teenager Michael Brown, the officer returned to the police station unescorted, washed blood off his hands and placed his recently fired pistol into an evidence bag himself.


Those actions, described in grand jury testimony, violated protocols for handling a crime scene and securing evidence, according to experts in policing procedures and Justice Department documents.

Wilson's movements after the shooting were among a number of police actions in the aftermath of Brown's death that experts said were unusual. The grand jury transcripts revealed, for example, that the officers who interviewed Wilson immediately after the shooting did not tape the conversations. They also showed that an investigator from the medical examiner's office opted not to take measurements at the crime scene and arrived there believing that what happened between Brown and Wilson was "self-explanatory."

[http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/seemingly-unorthodox-police-procedures-emerge-in-grand-jury-documents/2014/11/25/48152574-74e0-11e4-bd1b-03009bd3e984\\_story.html](http://www.washingtonpost.com/politics/seemingly-unorthodox-police-procedures-emerge-in-grand-jury-documents/2014/11/25/48152574-74e0-11e4-bd1b-03009bd3e984_story.html)

That is, the crime scene was corrupted by police. It is impossible to come to a proper conclusion under such circumstances.

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COMMENT 572641P  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 06:06 PM

Never use a debit card for anything.....

Some of them do not require a pin #


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BULLSEYEB  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 06:06 PM

I agree! Go, Becky, Go!


The basic commercialism of collegiate sports has left the main reason for university life in the dust-EDUCATION!

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COMMENT 572640  Highway 101 Safety Project 2014-11-26 06:05 PM

And please while you are there have your crews pick up all the litter in the medians and the bags of trash along the highway.

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COMMENT 572639  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 06:03 PM

The bread in the new food court at Alma de Puebla (or whatever it's called) is worth the high price. It's some of the best bread I've ever had; it's straight up awesome.

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COMMENT 572638P  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 06:03 PM

Rex, love ya, but don't be a one trick pony! I'm also a regular reader of SB Restaurant Guy. Open a bbq place, Rex, I'd eat there!

Hey, at least it's not Woody's taking over the place. bwaa ha ha

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COMMENT 572637  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 05:58 PM

Becky took the words out of my mouth. I can't say it any better.

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COMMENT 572635  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 05:57 PM

The Grand Jury, made up of both whites and blacks, heard all the evidence and all the witnesses. They then decided that there was no reason to charge the cop.

That's it. Case closed. The parents will never win a civil suit in a million years. There is way too much evidence that the cop acted in self defence against a drugged up violent criminal.

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BULLSEYEB  Scanner Reports 11-26-14 2014-11-26 05:57 PM

Hey Roger, have a good Thanksgiving! I will be thinking of Pooh and awaiting news on how he's doing.

I am also thankful that you are here with us, Roger.

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COMMENT 572634 A H N O

Rollover Traffic Accident

2014-11-26 05:52 PM

553: I was traveling eastbound on State at the time and place of the accident. The pickup was hit broadside by a car. I was just passing the site as I heard the impact and caught the truck rolling and the car bouncing back in my rear view, I am unclear as to who was traveling in what direction, but it seems like the truck was attempting a left turn from the center turn lane and was struck by a westbound car. Thankfully the truck driver was uninjured. Does anyone know the condition of the driver of the car?

Three cheers for our first responders. Fire was there in just a minute or two.

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COMMENT 572633P A H N O

Turkey Coop

2014-11-26 05:44 PM

A turkey coop, as in cage, or a turkey co-op, as in food share facility?

I read this once one way and then scanned it again and read it the other. Either way, I can't help you. Sorry.

Happy Thanksgiving. I hope you find what you want/need!

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COMMENT 572632 A H N O

Downtown Power Outage

2014-11-26 05:44 PM

547: The ones that stopped stopped because that's what you're supposed to do when traffic lights are out. Hope that helps!

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COMMENT 572631 A H N O

Overcharged at Arco

2014-11-26 05:25 PM

I agree that it was probably just the usual pre-authorization, but OP says they REFUNDED CASH BACK?? Then that's a profit, right? Unless the preauth was then cancelled.

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COMMENT 572630P A H N O

Hollister Ave Construction

2014-11-26 05:20 PM

Doing road work near one of the busiest shopping centers on the busiest shopping weekend of the year doesn't show a lot of prior planning. I hope the traffic impacts are minimal.

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BECKY A H N O

UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu...

2014-11-26 05:18 PM

538: I could not disagree with you more (about colleges putting more money into intercollegiate sports). The point of a University education is education. I tolerate scholarships, because they allow student-athletes to continue to be athletes while in school (rather than having to work while carrying a full academic load AND while competing in a sport that demands hours of practice each day). A healthy body and mind go together. College sports should have only enough money behind them to allow students to continue to do their athletics while in school, and they should NOT be a training ground for the pros. The "big sports" shouldn't be better funded than the peripheral sports either.

I say this as a former student-athlete, who competed all 4+ years of college, and was a UCSB team captain, as well as a coach for the sport for younger kids (one of my jobs to earn money for expenses). Our sport maintained the highest GPA of all the intercollegiate sports, and everyone graduated and went on to various careers, some sports related, but mostly not. University and college athletics should always be about STUDENT- athletes, with the emphasis on being a student first.

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COMMENT 572628P A H N O

Food & Toy Donations

2014-11-26 05:16 PM

Is there a Goleta drop-off place. I don't have the time to go all the way to Montecito.

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COMMENT 572626 A H N O

Overcharged at Arco

2014-11-26 05:12 PM

never use a debit card in a gas station. it's one of the top risks for others stealing from you.

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COMMENT 572627 A H N O

Volvo Certified Service Center

2014-11-26 05:12 PM

Dave Scholl Automotive - He specializes in Volvo's! 805-899-2601

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COMMENT 572625 A H N O

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 05:06 PM

481: When you get done licking the boots of every LEO in the country, maybe you could read the transcripts from the Grand Jury testimony like we have. This is public information. We're not the low information people, you are.



[read complete comment thread](#)REX OF SB Rollover Traffic Accident


2014-11-26 05:05 PM

@581: You say he was "hot from behind?" Maybe the other motorist got distracted by this and hit him.

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2014-11-26 05:03 PM

Bread is already 9 or 10 bucks at that pricey store in Alma de Pooblo or whatever it's called at Chapala & Victoria.

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2014-11-26 05:01 PM

In the future it will cost \$480 for a loaf of bread.

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2014-11-26 04:59 PM

Love and Logic program, as mentioned above, also known as Family fuel. They will coach YOU as to becoming a loving and effective parent. We all need help! Go for it!

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2014-11-26 04:59 PM

if he committed robbery, then why hasn't his accomplice been arrested? his friend was with him, he's still alive and free. and why didn't the store owner report a robbery? extended footage shows brown paying the cashier on the same visit. why not rob everything he wanted instead of robbing halfway—if he did rob? that he committed a robbery is hearsay, not fact. besides which, Wilson in fact did not identify them as suspects in a robbery. that he suggests otherwise now, even contradicting his own police chief who denied this multiple times, is also just hearsay, and self-serving to boot. some fall over themselves to justify the murder of a black man. we know why. they're not subtle.

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2014-11-26 04:57 PM

wow. so many people here must have been on the grand jury. you ALL seem to know ALL the facts.... wow, just amazing. how in the world did you not do anything..... oops, sorry, you have been watching MSNBC.... now I understand.... low information people....

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2014-11-26 04:53 PM

In the near future it will cost 100 dollars for 9 gallons of gas

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2014-11-26 04:53 PM

Thank You...If I did not have you guys I might be a Scanner Report..

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2014-11-26 04:52 PM

Beth Kanne-Casselmann with either help you or point you in the right direction. Google her. She's there. I believe that she has weekend hours.

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2014-11-26 04:50 PM

If you're talking about the station at State & Mission, I've heard stories about shifty goings on there before. Interesting...

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2014-11-26 04:50 PM

Same as 612... This happened to me once nearly 5 years ago. There was a separate \$100 charge that never cleared from my account but was posted over the weekend. \$100 was never taken out, it was just annoying. That was at the Vons has station in Goleta.

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2014-11-26 04:44 PM

IT AN AUTHORIZATION, NOT A CHARGE FOR GAS.

Gasoline station need to make sure you have enough funds in your account/credit card to pump gas up to \$100 (this varies among station). Then when the funds settle, it will clear for the amount paid, in

this case \$9.00. Your welcome.

Signed,  
A local banker

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COMMENT 572611  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring

2014-11-26 04:26 PM

Meth is such nasty stuff! Man, am I glad I'm not them.

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COMMENT 572610  Killer B's BBQ Relocates

2014-11-26 04:23 PM

Agree they went downhill after opening. When they opened I was a regular simply for their beef ribs. Then it seemed every-time I went, they were out of ribs. The last time I went with a friend, we called ahead, they said they had beef ribs, got there about 30 minutes later and were told no beef ribs.

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COMMENT 572608  Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 04:21 PM

Whatever you do don't let the pusher man near your kid. They'll deal him out drugs, things will get worse. Pill pushers care about profits not your kid. Set boundaries, take away the electronic brainwashing tools, let him out into a yard to play and let some steam off. Sounds like a normal two-three y.o. finding out where and when limits exist. Gently set those limits without drama or threats.

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COMMENT 572609  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 04:21 PM

So now Brown deserved to be executed for the crimes that he hadn't yet had the opportunity to commit? Wow.

Why bother having a justice system at all? Instead, we can have cops that play judge, jury executioner and psychic!!!

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COMMENT 572606  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 04:20 PM

Let's be clear- Wilson was not found to be criminally liable for what happened because the use of force rules are so lenient for police officers due to their unions and historical precedents.

But he most certainly is at fault for what happened and any police chief with any sense would not want this guy working for him due to his poor decision making. He had at least 2 opportunities to break off the conflict and wait for his backup to arrive, which was on the way. Instead he initiated conflict twice.

His interview on ABC was sickening. I noticed he made up that new "fact" about seeing Brown reach into his waistband. This gives a cop an automatic pass on any punishment.

If he can sleep at night after this senseless killing, he should not be on the public payroll. Maybe Blackwater is hiring?

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COMMENT 572605  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 04:17 PM

596, if he had (only) marijuana in his system, then robbing a store (where he was known, and where surveillance cameras were installed) and then taunting/taking on the cops, \*and\* trying to grab an officer's gun (!!!!) would be the very last thing he'd be wanting to do. I cannot give credit to that part of the story - its \*way beyond\* far fetched.

If he'd been on crack, PCP, crystal meth or alcohol, then for sure - the "intoxicated" explanation would make sense. Pot is a drug that tends to inhibit aggression - the usual visible symptoms of cannabis intoxication are laughing and munching.

In this case, we have the word of a killer, vs. the word of someone who can't speak, because he's dead. Of course the grand jury didn't get the truth - \*and\* the evidence they did get was carefully filtered and cherry-picked by the authorities..

Brown never had a chance of justice; that is how the system is rigged.

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COMMENT 572604  Overcharged at Arco

2014-11-26 04:16 PM


Here's a little tip when you go into the convenience store (from someone who knows).

When the cashier asks you if you want a copy of your receipt, SAY YES. There are a myriad of nefarious things a crooked teller can do if a transaction is not properly closed out. Mostly stealing from the store owner.

Don't worry, that little 2" x 3" receipt is not going to harm many trees.


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COMMENT 572603  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 04:16 PM

A strong arm robber is not about to confront a police officer in any way shape or form. He's going to avoid the police like the plague for months if not years. Because all the criminals we hear about go straight to a cop to start up a fight after they rob someone. Yeah you rite.


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COMMENT 572602  Nutmeg Mannikins 2014-11-26 04:14 PM

How lovely!


@601P Like most of America there's probably a 98.3% chance that you are not native to this area

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COMMENT 572601P  Nutmeg Mannikins 2014-11-26 04:08 PM


Pretty pictures and pretty birds, but not something to celebrate. It's not OK to introduce or encourage non-natives.

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COMMENT 572600  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 04:07 PM

Please more info. Did you swipe at the pump? (Card Readers). Did you pay in the store? (employee fraud). Debit means PIN. Or did you use credit? No PIN.

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COMMENT 572599  Overcharged at Arco 2014-11-26 04:07 PM

Someone told me the AM/PM near Ontare is now part of the Conoco-Philips family. Any info on that?

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CHILI\_CON\_ARTCARNEY  Scanner Reports 11-26-14 2014-11-26 03:56 PM

Thanks Rog!

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COMMENT 572596  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 03:51 PM

552,

Brown was only 18 years old, so it's not surprising he didn't have an adult criminal record, since he'd only been an "adult" for a very short time. Apparently he did have a juvenile record which hasn't been released.

Considering Brown was found to have had marijuana in his system and had just committed a strong arm robbery, it's not a stretch of the imagination that he would disobey a police officer and try to steal his gun.

It is a stretch of the imagination that a cop with zero infractions throughout his six years on the force would shoot a young man for no reason whatsoever with his arms raised.

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COMMENT 572595P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 03:47 PM

Eric Holder is not a czar. Every administration has an Attorney General.

I cannot find any statement from Holder about self-defense. What was found was the following:

"Attorney General Eric Holder, who visited Ferguson in the weeks after Brown's killing and who has called for sweeping changes at the city's largely white police department, released a statement saying a federal investigation into the incident would continue.


"While the grand jury proceeding in St. Louis County has concluded, the Justice Department's investigation into the shooting of Michael Brown remains ongoing," Attorney General Eric Holder said in a statement released late Monday. "Though we have shared information with local prosecutors during the course of our investigation, the federal inquiry has been independent of the local one from the start, and remains so now. "


593 - actually it is more often that cops go free than otherwise.


Wilson shot Brown in/near the car, resulting in Brown's blood being on Wilson's hands that he washed afterwards, against police procedures. DNA on the handgun does not indicate how it got there. If Brown's blood was on Wilson's hands, and Wilson picked up the gun again, as he did, to shoot the remaining shots - then of course there would be Brown's DNA on the handgun.


Please note - Wilson's statement only came after all the evidence was in and he could match his story with the evidence, tainted or otherwise. Wilson should have given a statement immediately before any evidence was complete. Why did it take so long?


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COMMENT 572594  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 03:31 PM  
Eric Holder and the DoJ never said anything remotely like that. Stop lying.  
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COMMENT 572593  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 03:29 PM  
This officer will undoubtedly be charged with a federal crime, because we all know how the system works. Which is sad. Wilson was just doing his job.  
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COMMENT 572592  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring 2014-11-26 03:25 PM  
Yup, steal from those who are working hard to earn a living. Way to go girls. Hope they get their butts thrown in the slammer.  
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COMMENT 572591  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 03:21 PM  
Having met Big Al several times the comment gentle giant is very accurate. Very articulate and nice person.  
And even with this article an underrated player by most. If you enjoy sports at all, go to a game, sit behind the basket and just watch him. Very smart basketball brain and a true beast.  
Unfortunately he was left off the 50 player Wooden award list. Numerous people have contacted them to question that decision and even got great replies from the director who said if he was voting Big Al would be on the list. UCSB plays Washington State tomorrow in Alaska in the evening on ESPN3. Watch him  
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COMMENT 572589  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 03:19 PM  
i don't think anyone is having a problem with someone wanting or needing to protest. the problem is the fact that the gacts of the case, the grand jury, the lead Prosecutor, the dept of justice; i.e. Eric Holder all stated that officer Wilson was not at any fault in this case. and by the way, lead Prosecutor, and Eric Holder are democrats. the people pretending tp protest this so called lack of justice are either very low information, or just being idiots bent on destruction.  
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COMMENT 572588  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 03:10 PM  
hear ya loud an clear rex . 558 think i might give them a try  
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COMMENT 572587  Scanner Reports 11-26-14 2014-11-26 03:07 PM  
I second 559's sentiment!  
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COMMENT 572585  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 02:58 PM  
533/560: You've made it clear that it's all about you. Not about justice, or freedom, or human lives. It's about YOU, and YOUR children, and how this inconvenienced YOU and YOUR holiday shopping, and how much of a pain it is to YOU that YOUR roads were shut down.  
YOU are the problem.  
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COMMENT 572584  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 02:48 PM  
LOL..my comment was deleted cos I repeated the exact words yelled out by a cop at the top of his voice... the words were his.. not mine...and so it goes.. cops get away with murder and I am censored for repeating his words...  
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BSYBDY2  Octopus at the Tide Pools 2014-11-26 02:47 PM  
So cool.....and he does the same kind of breast stroke I do.  
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COMMENT 572581  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 02:35 PM  
Clearly he was hot from behind  
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COMMENT 572580  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 02:34 PM

Orlando Johnson was pretty good

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COMMENT 572579 

Rollover Traffic Accident

2014-11-26 02:31 PM

same time that happened some one else just further up the road had driven over one of the concrete blocks in front of a parking space and the fire department was there jacking the car up...and across the street Dennys and the gas station were taped off with police standing by... needless to say, traffic was horrific and I am glad that I was walking...

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COMMENT 572578 

Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring

2014-11-26 02:30 PM

I'm 55, trust me, Sireena looks her 25 years to me.

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ROGER DODGER 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 02:27 PM

If we cannot protest about something that occurred in America, and we live in America, this aien't America no mo...

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COMMENT 572576 

Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 02:24 PM

Honestly three year old boys ARE supposed to be unruly, messy, throw things, - that's what they DO! They are also loud, selfish, bossy... and definitely ready to be in charge.

If you feel he is testing your boundaries, seeing how far he can push you, etc. that is also right "on track" behaviour for this age. Developmentally he is realising his power, learning to use it, and possibly even abuse it. So it is up to you to set boundaries NOW, make it clear what is not acceptable or appropriate, NOW ... He is looking to you! Good luck - they grow up, they change, it DOES get easier... But be the stronger one, take back some parent power, NOW!

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REDTOP 

Downtown Power Outage

2014-11-26 02:22 PM

According to Edison, about 60 accounts have "partial power" in the downtown area and "should" have full power by 6:00 PM this evening.

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COMMENT 572574 

UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu...

2014-11-26 02:20 PM

551P - UCSB won the Big West and got an NCAA berth in both 2010 and 2011....so what's your point again?

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COMMENT 572573 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 02:18 PM

560, protesting is NOT breaking the law - it's the essence of liberty. It was protest, activism and dissent that enabled this country to come into being in the first place. It was dissent which has enabled the civil rights and freedoms that have been fought for over and won, this past 100 or so years, and for which so many sacrificed so much. Today, these rights are disappearing, bit by bit, down the toilet of totalitarianism.... "boiling frog" style.

This country's in an identity crisis right now. There's a war being fought, by they the unaccountable power brokers, vs. we the ordinary people, black or white. If we get all pollyanna and new-agey about things - you, know, the "It's All Good" mantra, then we'll soon find ourselves back at square one, "under heavy manners" and where a Second American Revolution is mandated, to get things back on track again.

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WAHINE 

Speaking of Stories Performance

2014-11-26 02:18 PM

I, too, was the recipient of free tickets. Thank you, Edhat!

The stories ranged from poignant to hilarious - and all true! There were some stand-outs and a couple that I didn't really connect with. But I commend all the storytellers, as most of them were not used to doing this kind of thing.

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STARGIRL 

Scanner Reports 11-26-14

2014-11-26 02:02 PM

Thankful for you, Roger!

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COMMENT 572570 

Rollover Traffic Accident

2014-11-26 01:56 PM

Right in front of AAA.

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COMMENT 572569 


Rollover Traffic Accident

2014-11-26 01:36 PM

I used to ask that question until I saw a YouTube video of a low-speed collision that flipped a car. It was surprising that such a small scrape could create enough force to flip a car, but it depends on the shape of a fender, or the abrupt actions of the driver, or even the crown of a road.

Prior to seeing the video, I always assumed someone was speeding or doing something really stupid. But now, I see how seemingly minor accidents can create dire consequences.

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COMMENT 572568  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 01:35 PM


There have been SO many rollover accidents lately, on streets where it should never happen!

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COMMENT 572567  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 01:34 PM


I second Pollofino its really good.

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COMMENT 572566  Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided 2014-11-26 01:32 PM


Check for "Green Cards"! Hopefully we'll be saying adios amigos..... The story told by these pics is not a happy one.

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COMMENT 572565  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 01:31 PM

2553... you read my mind, and stole my line!!

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D8VANILLA  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring 2014-11-26 01:30 PM

@498 - omg, I was gonna say the same thing about her age. I thought she was around 40yrs old.... and a little bug-eyed too!


If they had a stolen credit card, most likely, they had the stolen ID also.

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COMMENT 572563  Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 01:28 PM

Thank you!! I was just about to leave work (Alamar & State) and go to WFoods - now I'll go later!!

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COMMENT 572562  Jeffrey Arthur Miller 2014-11-26 01:24 PM


RIP. Condolences to his family.

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COMMENT 572560  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 01:23 PM

Protesting in SB for something that happened across the country and that most of these protestors know nothing about is NOT even relevant, it's just a pain. Too many people out of school this week, I hope that their parents reign them in for tonight and get them to focus on being law abiding and on spending time with their family during the holidays. Life is short, things happen, focus on the people you love and helping them to live good lives, and in turn you will too. Sadly this boy that died was not doing that. I am not saying I think it is okay but it is not us against them, it's us as a people and people shutting down roads is NOT the solution.

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CORKY  Octopus at the Tide Pools 2014-11-26 01:23 PM

Cool jet propulsion!

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COMMENT 572558  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 01:20 PM

539 - if you want some great beef ribs - go to Pollofino in the the Kmart shopping center in Goleta. They are so frickin' good. You just gonna know where to look....trust.

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COMMENT 572559  Scanner Reports 11-26-14 2014-11-26 01:20 PM

I'm Thankful for you Roger. I am sure that Pooh and Joey are thankful too, in their little kitty hearts.

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COMMENT 572557  Child Behavioral Specialist 2014-11-26 01:19 PM


Go see the fine folks at Family Fuel, Inc. here in Santa Barbara. The best.

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COMMENT 572556  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 01:16 PM


Any BBQ place is better than the one that used to be in Lompoc called IKE'S. Our whole family got horribly ill after eating there ! Glad it closed. Worst ever!

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COMMENT 572554  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring 2014-11-26 01:14 PM

And all hotels run background checks on guest's

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CORKY  Potential Rain for Southwest Califo... 2014-11-26 01:14 PM

I'll believe it when I see it or hear the pitter at on the roof.

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COMMENT 572553P  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 01:05 PM

How does one roll their vehicle in that section of town?

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COMMENT 572552  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 01:04 PM

The weird part that fails to make any sense whatsoever:

Brown, who had just graduated high school, about to start college, and (according to St. Louis police) had no criminal record, suddenly commits a strong-arm robbery in a local store with video surveillance, then in his "get-away", deliberately walks in the middle of the street, antagonizes the cops, and then engages in a struggle with a police officer, who Brown obviously knew was armed. It's actually even more bizarre, if all the details were included....but space does not permit here.

It sounds as if Brown might have been coached by some 3rd party. Perhaps he was a patsy in some "problem-reaction-solution" scenario which has become so commonplace in the US in recent years. I don't know, but in the complete absence of sense and logic in the timeline we've been told about, speculation can be permitted.

The truth will probably never be known... but to use those infamous words:

Mission Accomplished.

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COMMENT 572551P  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 12:51 PM

Until UCSB wins the Big West and gets an NCAA birth Brian Shaw is still UCSB's best player.

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REX OF SB  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 12:47 PM

@539: NO! There's no good BBQ of any kind in SB. Seriously. Killer B's was good at its original State Street location when they opened two or three years ago, but the quality went absolutely to hell and they the closed a few months ago. I really hope they'll get back on track at this new location. There are only two dedicated BBQ restaurants in the entire south county, and one is absolutely terrible and the other is mediocre and pricey.

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ROGER DODGER  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 12:44 PM

2 Vehicle accident Full Fire Response..

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ROGER DODGER  Rollover Traffic Accident 2014-11-26 12:44 PM

Pickup truck on side driver uninjured but trapped in the vehicle..

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COMMENT 572547  Downtown Power Outage 2014-11-26 12:41 PM

The video does not show that the lights are out, only that most cars aren't stopping but it's unclear, from the video, why others are.

Thank you for recording in landscape (horizontal) mode.

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COMMENT 572546  Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring 2014-11-26 12:39 PM

And fake ID's are really hard to get. :)

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COMMENT 572545  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 12:38 PM

Yes, very cool! Great shots.

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COMMENT 572544  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 12:32 PM

If they don't mandate all cops have body cams from now on, Michael Brown died for nothing. I'm sick of listening to various "stories" about what happened. If Wilson had been wearing a camera we would know the truth and there is a good chance he would be going to jail.

There will be a civil lawsuit and there is a good chance the city will have to pay a lot of money to the family for having idiot cops on their force.

If I was his chief I would assign him to parking patrol. Then find a way to encourage him to find a different job, maybe one at the local Chik Fil A emporium. One where he doesn't have to make a sequence of poor decisions that leads to an unnecessary death.

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COMMENT 572543  Downtown Power Outage 2014-11-26 12:31 PM

now by 6 30 pm for the rest

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COMMENT 572542  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 12:27 PM

Obama's Czar, ie; DOJ, Eric Holder, also concluded that the evidence was self defence..... FACTS ARE FACTS.. get over it. it's done !!!

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COMMENT 572541  Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided 2014-11-26 12:04 PM

Everyone wants to lock em up and throw away the key, except when it's their friends or themselves. Then all excuses are on the table. We have a system, it may be imperfect but it's a helluva lot better than mob rule, or internet tough guy rule. The ones who want to throw away the key are often the same ones who want government out of our lives and not to spend any money. These two concepts are incompatible. You can't have it both ways. Incarceration is way expensive, with prisoners costing more annually than many people make. This. Is. Stupidity. One prisoner will cost the taxes of fifteen people. How. Effin. Dumb. Can. You. Get.

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SHAKY  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 12:03 PM

Justified Homocide for Dummies..

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COMMENT 572539  Killer B's BBQ Relocates 2014-11-26 12:01 PM

are there any good bbq beef ribs in sb

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COMMENT 572538  UCSB Basketball Star in Sports Illu... 2014-11-26 11:56 AM

Very cool. Now if the University would actually give a crap about the big sports and put some money into them. I hope the best for Mr. Williams and the Gauchos this season. Hopefully they can take last year and build off of it.

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35FOREVER  Jeffrey Arthur Miller 2014-11-26 11:50 AM

Rest in peace Jeff. You will be missed.

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COMMENT 572536  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 11:50 AM

The prosecutor is the son of a slain officer. What are the chances he would support an indictment of a police officer? Zero. The whole process was tainted from day one.

As far as protesters locally, at least they're trying to do something. Even the most pathetic protestor gets more respect than any keyboard warrior from me. Civil rights were won by protestors, not wannabes on the internet.

Concerning violent protestors torching buildings, lock them up. They aren't accomplishing anything, in fact are diminishing the businesses and breaking peoples lives down who may have supported their cause.

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COMMENT 572535  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 11:49 AM

531,

1. Initially yes, but when he saw the cigars in Wilson's hands, he realized he had just committed the



strong-arm burglary.

2. Wilson may be taller, but Brown was much heavier. He's the size of a college line backer.

3. So what? He tried to grab the officer's gun. His dna on the gun is proof.

4. No, read the grand jury report. It's been concluded that he was six to ten feet from Wilson when he was shot.

You might wish for some sick reason that Wilson killed Brown for no good reason, but all the evidence points to self defense, no matter what bs you make up.

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SHAKEY 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 11:46 AM

Maybe we could stop over at your house first for crumpets and tea before we go to Alameda for tonights protest...

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COMMENT 572533 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 11:42 AM

Sure wish I knew if this was going to happen again tonight downtown because I really have a few things that I want to do down there but don't want to take my kids into a potentially dangerous situation. It's already going to be trafficky and stressful for people trying to travel to see family for the holiday weekend, I'm hoping that the protestors will protest at a park, Alameda comes to mind as a great place to gather safely.... not sure how disrupting the whole city is going to make a point.

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COMMENT 572532 

Killer B's BBQ Relocates

2014-11-26 11:41 AM

Good for them. I wish them success in their new location.

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ROGER DODGER 

Downtown Power Outage

2014-11-26 11:39 AM

Yea but Pooh Bears surgery got cancelled anyway another 10 bucks for the ride no sleep last night because of his howling etcetcetc...Now I gotta do it all over and I'm snot saying when.

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COMMENT 572531 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 11:39 AM

516, some more facts:

- police chief stated explicitly that wilson confronted him for walking in the road, nothing more
- wilson is taller than brown.
- brown was unarmed.
- brown was over 35 feet away when shot dead.

perspective: if you did what wilson did, you wouldve been arrested and charged with a crime.

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ROGER DODGER 

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2014-11-26 11:39 AM

Thank You guys....)

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COMMENT 572528 

Volvo Certified Service Center

2014-11-26 11:37 AM

Take you Volvo to Dave Scholl Automotive. Santa Barbara's BEST Volvo mechaahic

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ROGER DODGER 

Jeffrey Arthur Miller

2014-11-26 11:36 AM

Rest in Peace Brother...

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COMMENT 572526 

Audi Repair

2014-11-26 11:35 AM

Hughes Volvo repair closing. Best place to take your Volvo is Dave Scholl automotive. Good prices, he has been working on Volvos over 35 years.

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COMMENT 572525 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 11:31 AM

Go read the 5,000 pages of evidence the Grand Jury read and then form an opinion.

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COMMENT 572524 

Jeffrey Arthur Miller

2014-11-26 11:28 AM

May he rest in peace.

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2014-11-26 11:10 AM

I am thankful for you and all your efforts, Roger.

[read complete comment thread](#)COMMENT 572522  Downtown Power Outage

2014-11-26 10:50 AM

supposed to be back up by 11 am

[read complete comment thread](#)ANIMALLISTNER  Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided

2014-11-26 10:48 AM

Prior to the enactment of Proposition 47 Lino, Gregorio, and Lopez would have been arrested for felony possession of methamphetamine and booked into County Jail.

Good job Voters! NOT!

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2014-11-26 10:46 AM

1.) The media baited, incited all this commotion.  
 2.) Is protesting going to stop the travesty of a history of black men killed, injured or .... by the police?  
 Seems to be part of our country's DNA.

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2014-11-26 10:45 AM

Thanks for sharing!

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2014-11-26 10:44 AM

I never even heard about this. Dam it! Can they do it again?

[read complete comment thread](#)COMMENT 572517  Entrada de Santa Barbara Onsite Con...

2014-11-26 10:41 AM

How about building some AFFORDABLE HOUSING for the locals and natives? Do we really need another stinking hotel?

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2014-11-26 10:35 AM

The criminal had just robbed a store and was not only resisting arrest, but he punched a cop and tried to grab his gun.

These facts are not in debate. His dna was found on the gun.

Make up all the stories you want, but actions have consequences. This has nothing to do with skin color, and everything to do with criminal behavior and attacking a police officer.

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2014-11-26 10:33 AM

No power entire 200 block of West Anapamu

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2014-11-26 10:23 AM

This decision has set a dangerous precedent:

In all occupations, there are a bunch of bad apples; law enforcement is particularly prone to such, on account of the nature of the job, the type of people police have to interface with, and the attraction towards the \*power\* that goes with that uniform.

Racism remains entrenched in traditionalist society, and by logical extension, there are many racist cops out there. Any cop, whether they have racist, or sociopathic/psychopathic tendencies are now even more in the knowledge that if you (arbitrarily) shoot someone "in the line of duty", then you're going to get away with it.

Expect many more police shootings in the future.

[read complete comment thread](#)FLICKA  City Council Re-thinking Oil and Ga...

2014-11-26 10:21 AM

266's comment is right on. Veneco had to get 1,500 signatures to get their Measure J on the ballot. They made promises about donations to schools, etc, thinking we were for sale. When the votes were counted they didn't even get 1,500 votes, after paying \$600,000 to an out-of-town PR firm who didn't

know anything about Carpentierians.

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THE DUKSTER 

Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 10:20 AM

Dr. Roland Rotz in Carpinteria. 805-566-0441  
Quite qualified.

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COMMENT 572512 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 10:20 AM

Michael Brown committed a strong arm robbery and started punching a police officer. That is why he is dead. Having protests to martyr a criminal is just sad.

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SUMMERTIME 

Scanner Reports 11-26-14

2014-11-26 10:14 AM

Love you Roger.....

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IRISROSE 

Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 10:11 AM

Therapists at CALM are excellent with families experiencing this kind of acting out with children. Parent-Child Interactive Therapy is provided there which is also excellent.

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COMMENT 572509 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 10:11 AM

not much different from a parade

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ROGER DODGER 

Downtown Power Outage

2014-11-26 10:04 AM

Heard the coppers say something about stoplights being out..

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ROGER DODGER 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 10:03 AM

Everyone is sitting at home playing armchair Dick, judge, jury and executioner, why don't some of you get out and protest the protesters, if they bother you so much. In America people have the RIGHT to protest though the protesters raised alittle hell there were no arrests because the police agencies involved were able to maintain the march other wise I think some people would have went to the Pooky. The Police did a fine job in my opinion. Last I heard committing Strong Arm Robbery in these United States doesn't carry the punishment of execution if it does than lets empty out the jails now and shoot all the robbers..A simple gun shot to the knee caps would have dropped the suspect and it would have never made the news..

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COMMENT 572505 

Turkey Cuts

2014-11-26 09:58 AM

Kindness makes me smile.

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COMMENT 572504 

Breakwater Shallows

2014-11-26 09:56 AM

I been swimming (Mesa) no wetsuit most days. Truly a heaven year of record. I haven't felt anything like this time. I wish all the plants and animals get a good soaking this Sunday..... but until then. Swim in the warm ocean.....

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COMMENT 572503 

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The grand jury was "hobbled" by the authorities. The evidence they reviewed was very carefully cherry picked... in keeping with current trends in anti-justice; Darren Wilson's account has more holes than a colander ie its an unbelievable fairytale. Things are pretty messed up when s many people prefer to believe a fairy-tale from the lying mouth of a murdering thug.

But this is America 2000s, where mass opinion is often dictated by comfort zone massaging, where facts don't matter any more, where science is fiction, and its all shaped by endless corporate media repetition. As Mark Twain once said: "a lie can get half way around the world before the ruth has tied its bootlaces".

No Justice? No Peace. You can NOT have the one without the other.

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ECHO 


Sheriff's Warn of Mail Theft Ring

2014-11-26 09:54 AM

Thats sad. Hope they are caught soon. Did the hotel not require an ID with Check in because it was

paid for online? I've worked at the front desk of several hotel's and each had a policy that required ID for check in, and the ID of the card holder when paying. Also, Every hotel I've ever stayed at required ID.

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COMMENT 572501 

Broken Beach Boulder

2014-11-26 09:53 AM

Are you claiming that the large rock has recently crumbled? Nice update. I am 59 and have probably scrambled on or around that rock before? Thanks for the Nature details, John and happy thanksgiving.

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COMMENT 572500 

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No evidence exists of any wrong doing on the part of the cop.

The main "witness" for the Sharpton team is Wilson's accomplice in the cigar robbery. It's his "interview" that went viral and created all this mayhem. Most of the other witnesses had divergent discriptions of what ocured.

The media is at fault for not clearly explaining things to folks who don't bother to learn the truth themselves.

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COMMENT 572499 

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ELAZ: A very rose-colored view. Most people do not really understand the nature of the problem, which is understandable. Many from the "this middle-aged white woman" crowd have had a life of privilege and, unfortunately, a guilt complex. Not everyone has a 401k or any sort of retirement account. Protest all day long and God bless you, but please leave the explaining to those who know what is really going on. Namaste -

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COMMENT 572498 

Sheriff's Wam of Mail Theft Ring

2014-11-26 09:40 AM

Wow, Sireena looks 50. Meth?

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COMMENT 572497 

Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 09:39 AM

Don MacMannis at Family Therapy Institute (FTI) in downtown Santa Barbara is really, really good working with kids and their parents. (805) 882-2400

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ELAZ 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 09:37 AM

@369P "There are always three sides to a story, two sides and the truth. And according to Brown's friend who was with him when Wilson drove up to them, Brown was trying to get away - both from the car, and then by running away. I don't believe Wilson for one moment because he is trying to save his skin and his job. It is strange that there was a great deal of time between when Wilson was supposed to have been hit by Brown, and when he had the photos taken - where one can hardly see any marks. If he was punched the damage would have been far worse.

And as a white who has seen discrimination in many parts of the world, I understand why the youngsters are protesting. Even the Palestinians tweeted messages of support for Ferguson.

What was missed last night was that there were thousands of people who protested peacefully - but everyone who does not think, will conclude that the thugs represent those who protested peacefully, and have been protesting for a long time, peacefully.

What Wilson did was despicable - shooting an unarmed teenager. And I do not consider that he is representative of all cops, whom I support when they are doing their jobs properly. "

I agree with everything you have said here. Thank you!

This middle-aged white woman was there with many other white and brown and black folks PEACEFULLY attending a vigil at the Courthouse in support of people of color everywhere, in support of Michael Brown's anguished family and in memory of Michael. There was a large number of us and it was so good to be in a crowd of compassionate people who are interested in affecting positive change throughout the country!! Our system of justice is broken, and in these times it is terrifying in many parts of the USA to be a parent of a young person of color! Imagine being that young person of color.. I can't even imagine how horrible that is!!! Can you???? But I can raise my voice in solidarity and support with those who want true equality in this "land of the free and home of the brave!"

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE who was present at the vigil. I left before the march so cannot comment on what that experience was like.

And I urge everyone t... [\[ more \]](#)

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FREEMAN 

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB


2014-11-26 09:31 AM

Lord Obama community organizer and George Soros funding the communist takeover of America.

'A well regulated militia, being necessary for the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed.'

Now do you get it?


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COMMENT 572494  Octopus at the Tide Pools 2014-11-26 09:30 AM

When I asked my kids how many legs an Octopus has, they said "8". Kids. Wrong, 6 legs and 2 arms is the answer. The front two legs are now classified as arms since they use them to put food in their mouth.

Hope that's correct. Documentary a few years ago said so.

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COMMENT 572493  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:29 AM

as long as it is peaceful, they are all within their legal rites, and it IS their right to assemble and protest.....none of you have any rite to tell them they are not allowed to do so. we do not cherry pick our rites in this country. sorry if that upsets some of you...well actually i'm not lol...

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COMMENT 572492  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:27 AM

"Why didn't we have a protest like this when OJ Simpson got away with the murder of a white woman?"

the correct question wouldve been "why didnt anyone join MY protest when OJ Simpson got away with murder?" but you didnt try to protest, did you? never mind that OJ actually went to trial.

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BECKY  Turkey Cuts 2014-11-26 09:26 AM


Way to go, Pedro! I hope you're swamped with turkeys.

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COMMENT 572490  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:24 AM


A vote for DA Dudley is a vote for police violence.

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COMMENT 572489  Potential Rain for Southwest Califo... 2014-11-26 09:22 AM

What areas are subject to flooding in Santa Barbara? What steps can be taken to prevent it?

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COMMENT 572488  Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided 2014-11-26 09:21 AM

To my sons friend, answer to your question "why don't people like Mexicans?", to which I said, "it's only the ones in the news breaking laws". Meth really destroys the brain quickly. Let them rot for 20 years, and no breaks for the women, PLEASE!

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COMMENT 572487  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:17 AM

What....on earth, is this possibly going to do besides help the media sensationalize this into something about skin color. There is only one "race"...the human race. Live your life that way instead of how "they" are trying to coerce us to.

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COMMENT 572486  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:17 AM

I support the protesters since they are protesting police violence in general. We have it here in Santa Barbara and the police always walk free too. Alan Tutor was a recent example of a perpetrator when he beat up a civilian in front of witnesses near Gelsons. I plan to take it out on the cops when I get on a jury. And voting against Dudley.

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COMMENT 572484  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:14 AM

Where were the protestors when Kelly Thomas was savagely beaten to death by (non-white) officers right here in Southern California? Include Fullerton when you scream about Ferguson.


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COMMENT 572483P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:06 AM

You say Brown would still be alive if the cop had carried a taser. Umm, no, Brown would still be alive if he'd just obeyed the officer's instructions. When a cop tells you to do something, you do it, regardless of how "wrong" the order might be, and you sort it out later. Brown behaved like a thug and


came to grief. What can I say?

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COMMENT 572482  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:03 AM

Why didn't we have a protest like this when OJ Simpson got away with the murder of a white woman?


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COMMENT 572481  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 09:00 AM

451; THANK YOU !!!


the facts are the facts. this never would have gotten out of hand if it wasn't for sharpston, and the so called POTUS getting involved before all the facts were gathered.

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COMMENT 572480  Nutmeg Mannikins 2014-11-26 08:56 AM


Unlike many bird species, the male and female mannikins look the same. The plain brown birds without the markings are actually juveniles. These birds hang out in groups of adults and juveniles. I currently see lots of these in my yard daily, but two years ago when they first came to the oleander bushes in the yard, there was a pair of adults and 6 juveniles begging for food.

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COMMENT 572479  Nutmeg Mannikins 2014-11-26 08:52 AM

So nice to get this much information on this beautiful bird. I'll be looking for them. Thanks :)

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COMMENT 572478  G.R.E.A.T. Program Graduations 2014-11-26 08:43 AM

Wow, I sure hope this program isn't a big "success" like DARE, which actually makes children MORE likely use illegal drugs.


Why can't the police just do their jobs, and leave teaching to people who are actually trained to teach children?

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EDSUP  Broken Beach Boulder 2014-11-26 08:43 AM

What a shot! Love it!

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COMMENT 572476P  CHP Thanksgiving Press Release 2014-11-26 08:40 AM

I suppose "maximum enforcement" means more CHP on the road as there is no specific target named. A cynic might say this is just more congestion on the already most crowded highway days. Probably at overtime cost. But CHP does sometimes provide roadside assistance as well.

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COMMENT 572475P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 08:34 AM

Go to CNN.com. They had about 100 pages of the officer's testimony before the grand jury. I did not read it all. But I did read the part about "why don't you carry a taser". His answer, basically, was "it's uncomfortable". How sad. The teenager would still be alive if the officer had a taser in his vehicle. That said, I don't know why he had to shoot the boy once he was away from the vehicle. Why not stay safe in your police car until the back up you already requested arrives? I was at UCSB in 1970 and we peacefully shut down the freeway to protest the war. I am happy that these young people are peacefully exercising their first amendment right. Google race card project. People are asked to speak in six words. SO many of our young black men have such sad things to say. Until they all feel equal about being out anywhere, day or night, we do NOT have an equal society in this country.

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COMMENT 572474  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 08:32 AM


things will change in the future, complaints against law enforcement will plummet to all-time lows, respect for law enforcement officers will skyrocket. society will look back in embarrassment at the folks who disapprove today. people thought blacks got what they deserved during jim crow too. some people are just backwards. no point in trying to convince folks like this. carry on, santa barbara. good job.

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COMMENT 572473  Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided 2014-11-26 08:27 AM

This drug Meth, is ruining this country. Just travel out to a town like Victorville, Desert Hot Springs, or any smaller town, even Ventura is being deeply effected by Meth. If law enforcement and education don't get ahold of this soon, I swear, the prediction of the "end days with gnashing of teeth" will come to fruition. If you see something suspicious as a citizen, please report it. These addicted souls will stop at NOTHING to get another high. This is an EXTREMELY dangerous drug that puts the lives of children at great risk. We have just got to get ahold of this stuff and stop it before it's too late.




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I guess I'm the only one who remembers we had a similar case in SB county - a man leaned in a car window and was pummeling the driver.

In this case the driver had a permit to carry a handgun and shot his attacker dead. But the jury refused to recognize a right to self defense because California does not honor concealed weapon permits issued in another state. Oh yeah, and the attacker happened to be a personal friend of the SB county sheriff and had a history of following and trying to intimidate people who's driving habits somehow offended him.

The protesters don't scare me - what scares me is that so many people think the police should have cart blanche to shoot anyone dead, no questions asked, no matter the circumstances. We were told that officer Wilson had a blown-out cheek bone fracture - clearly the police lied about that. A gun and a badge should not give anyone extra rights - especially when it comes to lying their way out of a situation.

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318, CDFW sets harvest limits and closed areas in order to sustain populations. Harvesting legally within those limits doesn't "destroy" anything. Limits or closed areas get adjusted based on population changes.

How do you know taking a lobster, octopus, or other animal damages a tidepool? Also, I'd be curious how many of the local population go out into the tidepools and look for the wildlife. I do see kids out there stomping anemones and muscles...

You can't buy seafood that is taken with as little impact as one guy using his hands to catch things. Do you really think a "sustainable" harvest method that still involves massive nets and is a for-profit business with a customer base of thousands of people has less impact that one person using their hands?

You don't have to agree with catching your own dinner, but to call it "revolting" is ignoring where human food usually comes from, which is MUCH worse.

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...cont #572448

You scoff at the protesters? Do you live in a bubble? Do your three martini lunches make it all go away?

Santa Barbara depends on the poor in order to continue with the life many are accustom to...So, the poor flock to Santa Barbara knowing that it is not difficult for one with minimal education and/or skills to gain employment and earn a decent wage.

In this situation Santa Barbara is no different than Ferguson at all. Santa Barbara chooses to cultivate and groom it's own future criminals via it's juvenile justice system. There are many Mike Brown's in Santa Barbara.

The flippant attitudes I see here today do not surprise me at all. Rather it is a gentle reminder of why I left Santa Barbara so many years ago.

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It's comforting to know that you are looking for a behavior specialist and not just GIVING HIM DRUGS THAT A DOCTOR WANTS TO GIVE YOUR SON for his behavioral problems. Too often parents turn to the easy route and then big pharma has a lifelong (however shortened) customer.

One thing you can start with, (a friend of mine had a similar problem with her son), she got him off of TV and Video, except for very special occasions, and then she changed his diet drastically. It's early enough for you to do this without big problems or dispute. No sugar, no corn syrup, no additives or processed foods of any kind like cereals, crackers instant anything, Her son's behavior changed so much for the better. She started seeing improvement in just a few days and almost 100% better after 4 weeks! Good luck and again, I commend you for not just wanting to give him a pill.

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It is a very interesting topic. I would very much like to hear Polchinski's ideas, but am unable to attend the lecture. I hope it will be recorded and made available to a larger audience.

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Much of the protest is about the fact that the prosecutor did not prosecute. The case was "tried" in the grand jury, with the prosecutor presenting the defense. That's not how the system is supposed to

work. I'm glad Santa Barbarans are protesting.


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COMMENT 572466  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 08:10 AM  
Peace will never be obtained without Justice.


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CHERIDIANE  Broken Beach Boulder 2014-11-26 08:10 AM  
Interesting. Crystal clear picture. Beautiful.


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COMMENT 572464  Dead cetacean at Haskells 2014-11-26 08:08 AM  
420, a narwhal would be thousands of miles off course to end up in SB. They are a cold water species.


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COMMENT 572463  City Council Re-thinking Oil and Ga... 2014-11-26 08:06 AM  
Oh frack!

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COMMENT 572462  Child Behavioral Specialist 2014-11-26 08:05 AM  
Good news/Bad news.  
As a professional that regularly deals with this (several X weekly), I can tell you that the lion's share of change is with the parents. It's not as if your child developed problems in a vacuum. ABA is primarily for those few kids that are more on the autism spectrum. Probably that would be putting the cart in front of the horse. (On the other hand if your child does have ASD, ABA is the best way to go.) First look for a good psychologist/LMFT/LCSW that works with kids & parents - but be prepared to change what YOU'RE BOTH doing. If you're both willing to put in the work/time/perseverance, the problems can be resolved in 3 -4 months.

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COMMENT 572461  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 08:04 AM  
The protests are dumb. Yes, it is their right as Americans. But, what does a march in sunny and wealthy SB expect to accomplish? There's no tangible result that will come from it, so it is a waste of time.

There are some good videos that have been posted essentially saying if people (black, hispanic, whatever) want to stop being treated like criminals, then stop doing criminal things. Look to yourself and try to improve your life. Don't live the stereotype. Most of these videos I've seen were of young black men, guys who could be the stereotype but have chosen not to be.


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COMMENT 572460P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 08:01 AM  
444P : "a) Brown and his friend were walking down the road minding their own business. b) Wilson interacted with them without their provocation."

Ummm- they just robbed cigars to put pot into, aka Phillies blunts. They cop was looking for them. They fit the description.

"Making a getaway" does not equal "minding your own business."

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COMMENT 572458P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:55 AM  
"And as a white who has seen discrimination in many parts of the world, I understand why the youngsters are protesting. Even the Palestinians tweeted messages of support for Ferguson."

What a shallow statement. The "Palestinians" are now the arbiters of the world justice system?! The ones who go into synagogues and shoot people, and who blow themselves up on buses and cheer on 9/11? Were these noble Palestinians witness to the Wilson-Brown interaction?

People like you want to put a cop on trial for murder because you hate cops, not because you have any evidence. Now \*that\* is truly unjust. He's on the streets dealing with thugs like Brown and his friend (someone who just did a strong arm robbery is a good witness, btw?) and all these violent people who come out of the woodwork to burn down buildings and shoot their unlicensed guns all the time.

You sit at home watching TV, playing armchair judge, jury and executioner.

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COMMENT 572457  Entrada de Santa Barbara Onsite Con... 2014-11-26 07:49 AM  
After years of staring at an open pit and hotel facade steel beam bracing, like the Miramar standstill,


I'm surprised you all are taking this construction at face value. Not holding my breath....

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COMMENT 572456P  Montecito Bank and Trust Donates \$1... 2014-11-26 07:48 AM

Note carefully that Union Bank's contributions of \$13 million (if correct) is the "investment" in the entire state of California from all its many branches. How much of that \$13 million went to Santa Barbara?

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COMMENT 572455  Nutmeg Mannikins 2014-11-26 07:46 AM


Thanks for sharing. What kind of bird seed do they prefer from a feeder? I would love to attract these beautiful birds to my yard.

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COMMENT 572454  Turkey Cuts 2014-11-26 07:45 AM


What a kind and generous idea!

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COMMENT 572452  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:39 AM

Well said 451. Unfortunately, "Officer beaten to death while trying to apprehend violent criminal in Ferguson, MO." would of never made the news.

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COMMENT 572453P  Roofer 2014-11-26 07:39 AM

You can't beat Avanti Roofing - 805-965-5122.

Like "lucky" we got several bids. Most just stood on the lawn and didn't even seem to want to look at the actual roof. Bobby, from Avanti, walked around the roof, told us where he found trouble spots, explained some new building codes, and then submitted a very fair bid. The team that did the work was great and they did a beautiful job. We were impressed with their expertise and hard work. None better, IMO.

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COMMENT 572451P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:27 AM

Did he commit robbery by force prior to the shooting? Yes, we have video and no one denies it.

Did he (Brown) assault the officer, Wilson, and inflict injury on that officer? Yes, we have video and no one denies it (some accounts that the grand jury heard stated that the officer, Wilson, initiated the assault on a completely innocent man (who happened to be twice his size) just walking down the street minding his own business" ) the grand jury said that was false and has video and eyewitness testimony to back it up.


So...it's down to

1. Officer Wilson is a violent racist bigot who just woke up that morning and decided he was going to assault and kill the first black man he saw.....or
2. Michael Brown was a violent criminal and was apprehended by police officer, Wilson, after just having committed a crime and assaulted the officer, reached for his gun and was shot and killed in self defense while charging the officer...

Occam's Razor time, but hell with common sense, go ahead and burn the country down over it. I am sure that will help the plight of minorities everywhere.

I wonder how much publicity this would have garnered if the headline had been: " Officer beaten to death while trying to apprehend violent criminal in Ferguson, MO.  
He leaves behind ....."

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COMMENT 572450  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:27 AM

Black experience with law enforcement in America I is reason for all the mistrust. Michael Brown is really not the issue.

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COMMENT 572449P  Speaking of Stories Performance 2014-11-26 07:27 AM

Speaking of Stories performances are at Center Stage Theater. Look for future performances.

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COMMENT 572448  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB 2014-11-26 07:26 AM

Santa Barbara is a beautiful clean city with a dirty little secret. Santa Barbara is known all over the world for being a haven for the rich and famous, for it's beautiful estates and most excellent dining experience.

Lovely? I think not. Santa Barbara is a pressure cooker waiting to explode. Certainly someone tends to your beautifully landscaped yards, changes your children's dirty diapers, and serves you fabulous meals...All the while saying nothing more to you than thank you and yes sir. cont...

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COMMENT 572447P  Nutmeg Mannikins

2014-11-26 07:24 AM

The original post didn't say they were "migrating." They aren't migrating at our house - we started off with a handful about three years ago, now we have too many to count at our feeders year-round. Very pretty little birds.

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COMMENT 572446  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 07:23 AM

Santa Barbara has a rich history of public assembly and I love it. These young people are being so AMERICAN!

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COMMENT 572445  Child Behavioral Specialist

2014-11-26 07:13 AM

Without knowing your situation or the severity of your child's behavior problems, STAR of CA is a resource for ABA (applied behavior analysis) in our community:

4213 State St  
Santa Barbara, California 93110  
(805) 683-8060

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COMMENT 572444P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 07:12 AM


"The protest was primarily over privileged white kids who probably got 90% of their info from Instagram pics."

And you have solid facts to back that up, or you are making stuff up. How do you know that is where they got their info?

You do not see the irony - you are claiming their information is inaccurate, when you do not have one iota of evidence to justify your claim about Instagram pics.

Pot calling the kettle black, and the type of logic employed by those who judge and condemn first - i.e. guilty before innocent.

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COMMENT 572443  Entrada de Santa Barbara Onsite Con...

2014-11-26 07:11 AM

The former row of car dealerships: california urban vernacular lost forever!

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COMMENT 572441  Nutmeg Mannikins

2014-11-26 07:07 AM

I have had them at my bird bath (off La Cumbre north of State) for about a month too. The males bathe while the females stand lookout, then the females take their turn while the males stand guard. They are beautiful.

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COMMENT 572442P  Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 07:07 AM

There were three people who witnessed the interaction - one is dead. The accounts of the other two differ. What is the truth?

- a) Brown and his friend were walking down the road minding their own business. b) Wilson interacted with them without their provocation.
- c) Brown's friend stated that Wilson was the one grabbing Brown, and that Brown was trying to get away from the car.
- d) Brown and his friend ran away from the car, and would have continued running if Wilson had not fired.
- e) When Wilson fired, Brown stopped and turned around.
- f) Brown's friend states that Brown did not charge Wilson, as Wilson maintains - that he had his hands up and he was shot dead.

The statement you made in caps, is Wilson's account. I have heard both Wilson and Brown's friend speak, and quite frankly I believe Brown's friend. Wilson's statement was only made after all of the evidence was in, and was obviously well prepared and well rehearsed. Brown's friend first made a statement immediately after the incident and it has not changed.

I don't condone thuggery - but there are a lot of people right now who are on death row because they murdered people, but were not shot by cops. They get to go to court.

You do not shoot at people who are running away and are unarmed. It is astonishing that many people do not understand that.

If anything good comes out of this, it will be that cops wear body cameras.

Here is Brown's friend's testimony which contradicts Wilson  
<http://www.msnbc.com/all-in/watch/key-eyewitness-contradicts-wilson-s-testimony-363704387739>

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ANDY A H N O

Nutmeg Mannikins

2014-11-26 07:04 AM

So gorgeous..They look hand painted. Thanks for the photo.

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COMMENT 572439 A H N O

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 07:01 AM

The protest was primarily over privileged white kids who probably got 90% of their info from Instagram pics. Absolutely moronic.

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COMMENT 572438 A H N O

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 06:59 AM

Bunch of sheep, they would blindly walk off a cliff following their "leader" if there was one around  
 Why not try something a little more creative and productive  
 To support your beliefs instead of disrupting the general public and costing \$\$\$\$ in law enforcement overtime.  
 You are further polarizing the sides you wish to unite.  
 Good job, idiots!!!!

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CORKY A H N O

Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided

2014-11-26 06:58 AM

I agree with Roger.

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COMMENT 572435 A H N O

Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided

2014-11-26 06:58 AM

Looks like our police dept had a very busy day and night with this arrest and then protests. We are fortunate that our police dept is not the same as .....

Now for our day of gratitude and peace and hope it wears off on the rest of the city and year.

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COMMENT 572437 A H N O

Teacher Sentenced for Sex with Stud...

2014-11-26 06:58 AM

By definition, underage kids cannot consent. So whether the girl in this case said yes is immaterial.

That guy was very lucky in his light sentence.

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COMMENT 572432 A H N O

Protesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 06:55 AM

I protest therefore I am...

Where were these folks after the DeNunzio/Tudor debacle?

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COMMENT 572433 A H N O

Almond Avenue Drug Den Raided

2014-11-26 06:55 AM

The previous system was broken, or do you think these people started using drugs the day that we passed 47?

I wonder what they can do to the property owner other than a warning?

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COMMENT 572430 A H N O

Nutmeg Mannikins

2014-11-26 06:47 AM

So cool! I saw one of these guys on my patio the other day, thought it was a baby sparrow from the lovely breast pattern—so glad to know the true breed!

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COMMENT 572431 A H N O

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Sounds like the Santa Barbara protest was relatively civil, which I'm thankful for. There is no bigger disrespect for Michael Brown than what the uncivil protestors (e.g. looters and arsonists) around this country are doing. I think it's safe to say that nearly 100% of those protestors don't have all the same information the grand jury used to inform their decision. If one wanted to argue that the decision to not indict the officer was wrong, it would be necessary to review all the information the grand jury had access to. It is not enough to say that people of color are treated less fairly by law enforcement and the judicial system and therefore Brown's killing was unjustified. The first part of that statement may be true, but that does not mean that the situation did not justify Wilson's response.

There needs to be a discussion of the underlying issues, and sadly, I think the protests are distracting us and actually preventing that discussion.

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They were not blaming everyone...


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2014-11-26 06:30 AM

"What Wilson did was despicable - shooting an unarmed teenager. And I do not consider that he is representative of all cops, whom I support when they are doing their jobs properly."

An unarmed teenager that was reportedly going for the officer's gun. Maybe you missed the liquor store tape where it clearly shows the thug's demeanor just prior to the shooting.

Yes, it was a sad outcome, but if one attempts to go after an officer of the law... especially their firearm, expect the same outcome regardless of if you're black, white, or pink.

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2014-11-26 06:26 AM

I am compassionate and don't mind the protests, but wish there was more common sense about these things.

If I break into someone's home I understand, instinctively, there is a real possibility I might get shot and killed.

If I do lots of drugs, I understand, instinctively, there is a real possibility I might die or do grave injury to myself and others while under the influence. I also may get shot and killed trying to do business with black market obtaining and dealing drugs.

AND IF I COMMIT ROBBERY BY FORCE AND THEN ASSAULT A POLICE OFFICER AND THREATEN HIM/HER THEN I KNOW, INSTINCTIVELY, THERE IS A REAL POSSIBILITY THAT I WILL BE SHOT AND KILLED.

Cut the crap! Have some common sense. Stop instinctively blaming everyone except the people who instinctively know better

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2014-11-26 06:21 AM

Thank you so much for sharing.


With the Christmas Bird Count coming up in 5 weeks, Mrs. MM and I will be looking for this cute little guy. Nice photo too.

Thanks again.

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2014-11-26 06:17 AM

OP here- I did send the photos to the SB Museum of Natural History. According to Michelle Berman-Kowalewski of the Channel Islands Cetacean Research Unit, it appears to be a Risso's dolphin. She said they have had two other Risso's in Ventura County this past week, both in this same condition.

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2014-11-26 06:10 AM

@422P take a look at the photos on Noozhawk, there are black people in those pics.


I'm not quite sure why the racial ratio even matters.

I was stuck in my car in the middle of this when they charged out through that empty lot on Carrillo. I saw people of many races participating.

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2014-11-26 05:40 AM

It's not just about Ferguson it's about everything, everytime someone is shot down and it seems unreasonable it seems unreasonable a lot after the media gets ahold of it all over the internet it goes and people that care and have compassion read it. Not everyone in this world is uncompassionate and unfeeling...Then there are the protests I'm for the protests too not so good when they get outta hand..As long as there is going to be actions that people think are unjustified there is going to be oppsite actions...Call people names So What they are still going to protest. Shoot them they are still going to protest, beat them they are still going to protest, That's the way of the World...

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2014-11-26 01:14 AM

Love free speech and love that these folks exercised their rights to do so peaceably.. However I can't imagine a less affected group of protesters considering race, location and economic environment. I didn't notice one African American in the any of the vids or pics. That said, it's a good message and I thank them for it.

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COMMENT 572421P A H N OProtesters Take Over Downtown SB

2014-11-26 12:05 AM

"They're just engaging in classic reaction formation- they are subconsciously fearful of the black rioters"

How do you know, or do just like to make stuff up that fits your viewpoint.

There are always three sides to a story, two sides and the truth. And according to Brown's friend who was with him when Wilson drove up to them, Brown was trying to get away - both from the car, and then by running away. I don't believe Wilson for one moment because he is trying to save his skin and his job. It is strange that there was a great deal of time between when Wilson was supposed to have been hit by Brown, and when he had the photos taken - where one can hardly see any marks. If he was punched the damage would have been far worse.

And as a white who has seen discrimination in many parts of the world, I understand why the youngsters are protesting. Even the Palestinians tweeted messages of support for Ferguson.

What was missed last night was that there were thousands of people who protested peacefully - but everyone who does not think, will conclude that the thugs represent those who protested peacefully, and have been protesting for a long time, peacefully.

What Wilson did was despicable - shooting an unarmed teenager. And I do not consider that he is representative of all cops, whom I support when they are doing their jobs properly.

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COMMENT 572420P A H N ODead cetacean at Haskells

2014-11-26 12:03 AM

I wish we could see a photo of the top of this marine mammal's head. That hole in front, if not made by scavengers, seems to indicate narwhal. Narwhal front fins can be shorter and more rounded than a pilot whale's front fins.

The blowhole for any species of whale is found at the top of the head, toward the back, not in the forehead. I hope OP you will send these pics to Museum of Natural History and get back to us on what species of animal this is.

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